

## DEFINITE PLAN SOON

Secretary Lane Expects Basis for the Mexican Discussion

## EARLY RETURN OF AMERICANS

Is Desired by Mexican Members of the Joint Commission

New London, Sept. 12.—An inquiry which has for its object the return to Mexico of Americans with property interests there, was begun here yesterday by the American-Mexican joint commission.

It was indicated that if the facts disclosed warrant it, the state department might withdraw its warning that Americans stay out of the neighboring republic for the present.

At the suggestion of the American delegates, their Mexican conferees began presenting detailed reports as to the progress which has been made since the recognition of Gen. Carranza toward re-establishing order.

Whether Americans are to be invited by their own government to return to their properties, it was indicated, depends apparently upon the showing that can be made as to the ability of Gen. Carranza to protect from bandits. The commission expected to issue a statement later in the day giving in substance the reports in this respect which have been presented.

Another phase of the discussion soon to be taken up will be the various decrees issued by men Carranza has appointed. These are being arranged and classified for the commission's use and tabulations are being prepared to show their effect in dollars and cents upon American property holders in Mexico.

Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican commission, said yesterday that the progress which had been made by his government during the last year would prove surprising to those who had no direct information on the subject.

Sec. Lane, heading the American delegation, indicated that the Mexican commissioners fully realize the necessity for getting American-owned properties back to work. The regeneration of Mexico, he said, depended on getting the country to work again and the present object of the joint deliberations was to determine exactly what conditions Americans would face if they returned to their properties.

So far there has been nothing more than a general mention of the Mexican request that Gen. Pershing's forces be withdrawn from Mexico.

Can't Locate Villa.

Washington, Sept. 12.—All efforts of

Gen. Pershing to confirm persistent rumors that Villa is moving toward the border in northern Mexico so far have been fruitless. The general so reported yesterday to the war department. American scouts in search of Villa have penetrated Santa Clara canyon.

## WILLIAMSTOWN

The ladies' aid invites everybody to a "quiltin' party" and dinner at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 9 until 4 o'clock.

Over 80 friends and neighbors assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abern of west hill on the evening of Sept. 8 to give their daughter, Miss Marie Abern, a surprise party before she leaves for her school. The company was entertained with violin and piano music by Misses Mildred and Clara Bissonnette, also by music from a graphophone and a number of vocal selections by the young people. In behalf of the scholars Lloyd Dunham presented Miss Abern a silver ring and a sum of money. Later music was furnished for dancing by Mr. Jerry and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The party broke up at a late hour, wishing Miss Abern much success in her school work.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. Robinson are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. William F. Johnson of Derry, N. H., the ladies named being sisters.

Mrs. Faber Benedict and son, Clyde, and family of East Bethel were in town Sept. 4 and called on C. J. Cram.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Williams and son, Arthur, returned home last Saturday after a vacation trip with friends which included a visit to the White mountains and the shore near Portland, Me.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting this (Tuesday) afternoon with Mrs. A. H. Jowett. The topic was, "What Has Been the Progress of Temperance in the Last Year?" A brief business meeting followed the regular program.

Eugene H. Call brought several stalks of corn to the village last week from his field, the tallest measuring 15 feet, 3 inches.

Harry Olmstead, who has been with Prin. O. B. Wood in East Georgia during vacation, returned to town last week and is staying at Leon Poor's for the present.

Clayton R. Cole, who has been at work for V. A. Bates for several months, has gone to East Barre to work for Irving Bates.

George L. Simons returned to his duties in the shoe department at the Homer Pitts Co. store, Barre, last Monday after a vacation of two weeks.

Regular Rebekah meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 14. Members come prepared for practice.

Mrs. Hattie Macy of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting relatives in town and in Barre. Mrs. Macy was formerly Miss Hattie Nichols and lived with her uncle here, George W. Nichols.

A very successful "goose party" was held at grange hall last evening, about 60 being present. Some were in costume and several were disguised as boys. Music for dancing was furnished by members of the party on the piano. There was lots of fun and a good time and not a boy in it.

The Sheep vs. Dog Issue.

Wordless dogs have been decimating flocks of sheep in the vicinity of Morrisville. Vermont has not yet come to its senses in this respect. It is still harboring unleashed dogs at the expense of the sheep industry.—Rutland News.

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## MIDDLESEX

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goodenough returned Saturday from a week's stay at Philo inn in North Ferrisburg.

The ball game played by the Worcester and Middlesex Center boys Saturday afternoon resulted in a score of 7 to 8 in favor of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Hancock were recent visitors of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hill, and family.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis of North Ferrisburg came Sunday for a few days' stay as a guest of Miss Mildred Bigelow.

Miss Lucy Swift returned Monday from a visit to friends in Randolph and Pittsfield.

Mrs. Angie Newhall is confined to her bed with a severe attack of stomach trouble.

Miss Helen Swift spent the week-end in Berlin.

Mrs. Nellie Martin of Williamstown is with her sister, Mrs. Art. Newhall.

Miss Ella Comstock gave a corn roast to her many friends Monday evening, all reporting a fine time.

Mrs. F. B. Miles and son, Harold, were week-end visitors of relatives in East Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parsons are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday morning, Sept. 9.

Ernest Scott returned Saturday from Montpelier jail, where he spent several days owing to mental difficulty.

Mrs. Charles Ryan was in Randolph Saturday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Miss Evelyn Denmore went Monday to Waitfield, where she is to have employment in the telephone office.

Madam Parker of Barre came Saturday for a few days' stay with Mr. and Mrs. A. Dennison.

Prompt Action Followed.

A number of the peace committee saw two youths fighting. He pushed between the crowd and appealed to the combatants to desist. "My good young fellows, settle your disputes by arbitration. Each of you choose half a dozen friends to arbitrate."

"Hurrah!" yelled the crowd. "Do as the gentleman says."

Having seen the twelve arbitrators selected to the satisfaction of both sides, the man of peace went on his way rejoicing.

Half an hour later he returned that way and found the whole street in an uproar.

"Good gracious! What is the matter, now?" asked the peacemaker.

"Shure, sor," said a bystander, "the arbitrators are at work."

Babe Ruth seems to have Walter Johnson's number this season, as he has won four games from the smoke ball king.

## CRASHED INTO CARRIAGE

Randolph Automobile Was Carrying Lantern for a Light

## FATHER OF DRIVER SETTLES DAMAGES

Paul Neff and Three Young Men Were Driving from Bethel to Randolph

Bethel, Sept. 12.—An automobile, belonging to A. T. Neff of Randolph, going north with an ordinary lantern for a light and going at high speed, ran into the rear of a carriage driven by C. L. Sanders about 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening near George Dickey's on South Main street. Mr. Sanders, his son, Clarence, C. A. Durkee and R. H. Benedict, who C. L. Sanders was driving, were all thrown from the carriage, which was smashed considerably. The driver of the automobile, Paul Neff, son of the owner of the car, hurried along, but the next car stopped, helped the Sanders party, and gave the names of the four young men in the colliding car, enabling Mr. Sanders to call Randolph officers and detain them there.

Randolph officers advised the men to see Mr. Sanders at once and settle with him. According to the report called on him about midnight, but had not sufficient funds to settle. As an excuse for trying to pass on the wrong side of the road, they claimed they thought they were about to meet the team. As an excuse for having no light but a lantern, they said their oil was exhausted.

Yesterday Mr. Sanders went to Randolph and Mr. Neff settled voluntarily and amicably by the payment of \$50. He said the car was taken from his garage without knowledge. Two of the youths are said to have taken a night train going north early Monday morning, fearing action by the state. Mr. Sanders claimed damages for slight injuries to his minor son, Clarence, as well as injuries to his buggy and to his own feelings. Mr. Durkee sustained injuries to one arm, requiring the services of a physician, but not of a serious nature, it is hoped.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results.  
At Cleveland—Detroit 9, Cleveland 1.  
At Chicago—St. Louis 2, Chicago 5.  
At Washington—Boston 4, Washington 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	78	36	.682
Detroit	78	39	.669
Chicago	77	39	.666
New York	71	64	.526
St. Louis	71	66	.518
Cleveland	69	68	.504
Washington	67	66	.504
Philadelphia	39	103	.276

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results.  
At New York—Philadelphia 4, New York 9.  
At Boston—Brooklyn 1, Boston 5.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Brooklyn	77	32	.707
Philadelphia	75	33	.692
Roston	72	34	.677
New York	62	62	.508
Pittsburg	62	69	.473
Chicago	61	73	.453
St. Louis	58	77	.430
Cincinnati	53	82	.393

## Baseball Briefs.

The Philadelphia Athletics have one distinction and that of holding one major league record of this season, that of losing over 100 games. All the other teams are perfectly willing that the Athletics should hold this record.

McGraw claims that with Heinie Zimmerman, Herzog, Holke and Lew McCarthy, all new members of the Giants, he has the strongest team that he has piloted since 1911. McGraw says that he has lines on a stronger pitching staff to work with next year than he has had this season, and that the other teams in the National league circuit will have a hard task to beat them out.

The Giants have one record this season that they have a right to feel proud of, and this is the fact that they have knocked Alexander of the Phillies out of the box on five occasions.

Holke of the Giants seems to be the find of the season. Two years ago the Giants paid \$3,500 for his release and have always banked on his services after Fred Merkle, who was recently sold to the Robins, got through.

The Boston Braves won from the Brooklyn Nationals, thus gaining a game on both Brooklyn and Philadelphia, as Philadelphia lost yesterday, too. The Braves have a chance left to win, but if they lose a few more their last hopes will be gone. With five of their stars out of the line-up on account of sickness, a pennant would hinge on the miraculous.

If the baseball accidents keep piling up, their list will equal the football accident lists. Baseball injuries are growing every day. There is one consolation in Jack Doyle's hard luck—his team is out of the race.

The Giants-Yankees game for charity purposes, which was played at New York Sunday, was an easy victory for the Giants, they winning by a score of 4 to 2.

Not in baseball alone is Pratt, the big second baseman of the St. Louis Browns, a star, for back in his college days at the University of Alabama he received a reputation as a football player and a drop-kicker of considerable ability. For a long time he held the record for long-distance drop-kicking. He will coach the Washington university freshmen and assist the varsity coach at the close of the American league season.

Billy Sunday, the re-creator, and one-time member of the old Chicago National place themselves under his care during this visit, and take advantage of the Free Offer.

## GERMANS SEIZE \$150,000,000 PLACED IN BELGIAN BANK

Treasury Have Offered to Pay Five Per Cent and to Return the Money After the War.

The Hague, Netherlands, via London, Sept. 12.—The Belgisch Dagblad announces that the German authorities have seized \$150,000,000 which had been placed in the coffers of the Belgian National bank in consequence of the suspension of the moratorium. The newspaper says the Germans have offered to pay five per cent interest and to return the money two years after the close of the war.

## BEST MAN AT A WEDDING.

Time Was When He Used to Assist in Abducting the Bride.

Do you know why the bridegroom's attendant at the wedding is called "best man" and how he happens to be such an important factor at a society wedding? He is supposed to look after the ushers, the carriage, the wedding ring and a host of other things that the fortunate lover could not be expected to concern himself with at such a time. But there was a period in the history of the human family when the best man had other duties than these to perform. It was when there was no church ceremony and when primitive people had come to the conclusion that marriage within the tribe was not good for the race. Then it became the fashion for the young man of marriageable age to go forth in quest of a bride, the daughter of some neighboring tribe.

Perhaps the girls were not entirely unwilling to be captured, but no girl, either ancient or modern, would admit for a moment that she had wandered away from the protection of her male relatives for the actual purpose of being abducted. Even if there was no brother at hand the girl was likely to put up a game fight, and the prospective bridegroom had need of the assistance of a strong muscled friend to aid him in subduing her. There was very little to the ceremony once the girl had been taken to the home of her future lord, but the "best man" was always a honored guest in her home, especially if the marriage turned out well. In many mountainous parts of the civilized world where old customs obtain the "best man" still pretends to assist in abducting the bride.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## The Elephant.

East Indians believe that the elephant lives 300 years. Instances are on record of these huge animals having been in captivity for 130 years, their ages being unknown when they were taken from the jungle in a wild state.

## Nothing Exempt.

"Can you run over tonight in your auto?"

"I think so. I've run over about everything else."—Baltimore American.

No nation can be destroyed while it possesses a good home life.—J. G. Holland.

## SEES WAR'S END NEXT AUGUST

Dual Monarchy Is Tottering, Says General Brusiloff

## A WELCOME FOR RUMANIA

Thinks Austria's Last Army Is in the Field Now

London, Sept. 12.—General Brusiloff, in an interview with the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, at the Russian front, predicts the end of the war by August next.

"The Austria Hungary army, assailed from all sides," he said, "won't be able to stand much longer before the hordes of enemies who are hurling themselves against it and preparing to increase the vigor of their blows. The intervention of Rumania is an event of the first order. I am no prophet; the future is in God's hands. But if I had to make a hypothesis I should be inclined to think that the month of August, 1917, might see the end of our memorable work. The present war is one which it is impossible for the allies to lose, although a great deal remains to be accomplished. A successful result is already in our hands; the game is already won."

## Senator Page Is Wrong.

Senator Page explains that he voted against the rural credits bill because of its tax exemption feature. Evidently he overlooks the fact that in his own state of Vermont money loaned at 5 per cent on real estate also is tax exempt. In Massachusetts any mortgage not exceeding in amount the assessed value of the real estate upon which the loan is made, is free of tax, regardless of the rate of interest. This Massachusetts idea is gradually coming into vogue in other states. It is right and just, because the land pays the tax. To also tax the bond and mortgage would simply oblige the lender to raise the rate to the borrower. Thus the real estate owner would be forced to pay two taxes, one on his land, the other in the form of higher interest on his mortgage. By almost unanimous vote, Congress recognized the justice of the Massachusetts idea and put it into the federal farm loan act. Except for the fraction of its funds to be invested in government bonds, which are already tax free, every dollar of the new system is to be invested on farm mortgages and at the lowest possible rate. As farm land cannot evade taxation, it would be equally unjust to doubly tax the farm borrower by making him pay a higher rate for money in order that the lender or investor might pay a tax on it—no two ways about it. Senator Page certainly erred this time.—N. E. Homestead.

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